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Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 228.44 million in March 2026, representing a decrease of 1.72 % compared with the previous month of February 2026. On a year-to-year basis, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 14.52 % compared to the deficit recorded in March 2025.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025		2026	2025		2026	Mar2026/ Feb2026	Mar2026/ Mar2025
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	152.95	194.53	226.29	26.69	31.30	33.23	16.33%	47.95%
Domestic exports	107.23	128.90	151.84	18.71	20.74	22.30	17.80%	41.60%
Re-exports	45.72	65.63	74.45	7.98	10.56	10.93	13.45%	62.84%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	420.18	426.96	454.73	73.31	68.70	66.77	6.50%	8.22%
Total External Trade (A+B)	573.13	621.49	681.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	9.58%	18.83%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-267.23	-232.43	-228.44				-1.72%	-14.52%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In March 2026, domestic exports value increased by 17.80 % compared with February 2026, and by 41.60 % compared with March 2025. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in March 2026, disaggregated by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections, March 2026

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025		2026	2025		2026	Mar2026/ Feb2026	Mar2026/ Mar2025
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	26.93	48.36	27.44	25.11	37.52	18.07	-43.27%	1.90%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.00	0.98	1.00	0.93	0.76	0.66	2.19%	0.86%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	22.05	40.64	67.38	20.56	31.52	44.38	65.82%	205.61%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.17	0.26	0.17	0.16	0.20	0.11	-34.11%	0.99%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.95	9.98	13.20	4.62	7.74	8.69	32.30%	166.50%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2.32	2.82	17.09	2.17	2.19	11.26	506.32%	635.68%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10.83	13.88	15.92	10.10	10.77	10.49	14.71%	47.09%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.34	1.62	0.78	1.25	1.25	0.52	-51.44%	-41.26%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.96	1.62	1.72	2.76	1.26	1.14	6.43%	-41.74%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	34.69	8.75	7.12	32.35	6.79	4.69	-18.58%	-79.47%
Total Domestic Exports	107.23	128.90	151.84	100.00	100.00	100.00	17.80%	41.60%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Imports

In March 2026, imports value increased by 6.50 % compared with February 2026, and by 8.22 % compared with March 2025. Table 3 presents the value of imported goods in March 2026, disaggregated by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) sections.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections, March 2026

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Mar2026/ Feb2026	Mar2026/ Mar2025
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	71.44	70.90	77.43	17.00	16.61	17.03	9.20%	8.37%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	9.81	11.83	13.03	2.34	2.77	2.87	10.18%	32.78%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.16	20.77	14.29	2.18	4.86	3.14	-31.17%	56.10%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	61.35	63.33	61.97	14.60	14.83	13.63	-2.15%	1.01%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	7.54	6.99	20.25	1.79	1.64	4.45	189.63%	168.55%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	55.40	46.26	46.46	13.19	10.84	10.22	0.44%	-16.13%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	59.59	77.03	77.61	14.18	18.04	17.07	0.74%	30.23%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	88.19	78.60	109.45	20.99	18.41	24.07	39.25%	24.10%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	27.30	28.76	27.65	6.50	6.74	6.08	-3.86%	1.27%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	30.39	22.49	6.59	7.23	5.27	1.45	-70.70%	-78.32%
Total Imports	420.18	426.96	454.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.50%	8.22%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Re-exports

In March 2026, re-exports value increased by 13.45 % compared with February 2026, and by 62.84 % compared with March 2025. Table 4 presents the value of re-exported goods in March 2026, disaggregated by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) sections.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections, March 2026

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2025	2026		2025	2026		Mar2026/ Feb2026	Mar2026/ Mar2025
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	15.24	20.67	23.77	33.34	31.50	31.93	14.99%	55.97%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	3.36	6.15	6.77	7.36	9.36	9.09	10.12%	101.13%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.31	0.89	1.10	2.86	1.36	1.48	23.47%	-15.84%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	9.14	17.48	28.82	20.00	26.64	38.71	64.89%	215.27%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1.21	1.52	0.65	2.65	2.31	0.87	-57.24%	-46.47%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	4.90	10.07	3.51	10.71	15.35	4.71	-65.19%	-28.41%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5.18	4.00	4.45	11.33	6.09	5.98	11.40%	-14.05%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.84	3.18	3.23	6.22	4.85	4.33	1.48%	13.55%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.53	1.66	2.09	5.54	2.53	2.81	25.79%	-17.47%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.02	0.08	500.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	45.72	65.63	74.45	100.00	100.00	100.00	13.45%	62.84%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries for Exports, March 2026

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Mar2026/ Feb2026	Mar2026/ Mar2025
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	China	10.48	23.42	48.03	9.77	18.17	31.63	1.05	3.58
2	The Democratic Republic of Congo	20.90	39.49	47.78	19.49	30.64	31.46	0.21	1.29
3	United Arab Emirates	39.37	14.47	6.04	36.71	11.22	3.98	-0.58	-0.85
4	Thailand	0.35	2.08	5.81	0.32	1.61	3.82	1.79	15.77
5	Netherlands	0.59	1.23	5.59	0.55	0.95	3.68	3.56	8.46
6	United States	2.44	6.55	5.06	2.28	5.08	3.33	-0.23	1.07
7	India	0.95	4.27	5.00	0.88	3.32	3.29	0.17	4.28
8	United Kingdom	3.46	3.52	3.85	3.22	2.73	2.54	0.10	0.11
9	Pakistan	3.44	2.21	3.44	3.21	1.71	2.27	0.56	0.00
10	Burundi	1.25	2.06	2.27	1.16	1.60	1.49	0.10	0.82
	Rest of the World	24.01	29.62	18.97	22.39	22.98	12.49	-0.36	-0.21
	Total	107.23	128.90	151.84	100.00	100.00	100.00	17.80%	41.60%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries for Re-exports, March 2026

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Mar2026/ Feb2026	Mar2026/ Mar2025
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	The Democratic Republic of Congo	42.57	54.56	60.24	93.12	83.14	80.91	10.40%	41.49%
2	Kenya	0.32	6.64	9.98	0.70	10.11	6.57	50.37%	3032.19%
3	Ethiopia	0.76	1.11	1.22	1.65	1.69	0.81	10.37%	62.02%
4	United Arab Emirates	0.37	0.64	0.79	0.80	0.98	0.52	23.01%	114.78%
5	Burundi	0.04	0.63	0.72	0.08	0.97	0.47	12.85%	1837.76%
6	Qatar	0.02	0.31	0.53	0.04	0.47	0.35	70.74%	2578.34%
7	United Republic of Tanzania	0.08	0.07	0.25	0.17	0.10	0.16	264.03%	210.77%
8	Greece	0.09	0.08	0.15	0.20	0.12	0.10	98.24%	65.24%
9	Turkey	0.10	0.06	0.14	0.21	0.10	0.09	119.63%	47.86%
10	Congo	0.03	0.00	0.11	0.06	0.00	0.07	0.00%	295.50%
	Rest of the World	1.36	1.52	0.33	2.96	2.32	0.22	-78.26%	-75.54%
	Total	45.72	65.63	74.45	100.00	100.00	100.00	13.45%	62.84%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Table 7. Main Trading Partner Countries for Imports, March 2026

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2025	2026		2025	2026		Mar2026/ Feb2026	Mar2026/ Mar2025
		Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹		
1	China	96.97	115.55	123.66	23.08	27.06	27.19	7.02%	27.53%
2	India	42.51	46.27	52.37	10.12	10.84	11.52	13.18%	23.19%
3	United Arab Emirates	25.90	24.13	51.82	6.16	5.65	11.39	114.78%	100.05%
4	United Republic of Tanzania	33.33	43.45	34.99	7.93	10.18	7.69	-19.48%	4.97%
5	Uganda	18.99	23.77	29.28	4.52	5.57	6.44	23.20%	537.11%
6	Kenya	40.93	32.97	28.74	9.74	7.72	6.32	-12.85%	-29.79%
7	Malaysia	5.07	3.68	17.22	1.21	0.86	3.79	0.00%	239.97%
8	Pakistan	6.22	14.43	8.88	1.48	3.38	1.95	-38.50%	42.70%
9	The Democratic Republic of Congo	4.96	16.05	6.87	1.18	3.76	1.51	-57.20%	38.36%
10	Turkey	4.41	5.36	6.58	1.05	1.26	1.45	22.71%	49.09%
Rest of the World		140.88	101.30	94.33	33.53	23.73	20.74	-6.88%	-33.04%
Total		420.18	426.96	454.73	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.50%	8.22%

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Table 8. Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in US \$ Million)

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports		
	2025	2026		2025	2026		2025	2026	
	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹	Mar(R)	Feb ¹	Mar ¹
Air	79.22	44.41	30.19	39.31	23.75	34.12	1.32	9.68	12.85
Land	340.96	382.55	424.54	67.92	105.15	117.72	44.40	55.95	61.60
Total	420.18	426.96	454.73	107.23	128.90	151.84	45.72	65.63	74.45

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Acronyms used:

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

f.o.b: Free On Board

S.I.T.C: Standard International Trade Classification

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified

Aug: August

Sept: September